HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 198

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Gene Taylor upon receiving the 2013 White House Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Gene Taylor, who is the 2013 winner of the White House Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor is an astute and dedicated community leader who has earned the respect of his peers and the citizens he serves for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, originally from North Carolina, Gene Taylor served with valor and distinction as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, until his honorable discharge in 1980; and

WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of his military service, Mr. Taylor chose to continue a career in public service as a member of the Metro Nashville Fire Department, which he served with acumen and alacrity for twenty-five years until his retirement in 2005; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement, Gene Taylor has offered his maintenance skills to his community and friends, and he also provides assistance to his wife at Wilkinson Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Taylor is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, June, and their two sons, Ben and Andrew; and

WHEREAS, the greater White House community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Gene Taylor; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mr. Taylor who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Gene Taylor for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in White House; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Gene Taylor upon receiving the 2013 White House Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award, commend his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.